

Allen D. Rose, Secretary Cabinet for Workforce Development

Allen D. Rose's 37-year career journey from pipefitter/welder to secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development has given him a unique perspective on the commonwealth's diverse workplace issues. His years spent in employee training and employer services have made him a well-known name in Kentucky's workforce development community.

In May 1998, Gov. Paul Patton appointed Rose as secretary of the Cabinet for Workforce Development. Rose's agency, which has a billion-dollar budget, serves the needs of the state's workers and employers by matching job seekers with employers' needs; providing technical education, adult education and literacy services and job training; and providing vocational rehabilitation for people with disabilities.

Rose began his career in Louisville with Rohm and Haas Kentucky Inc. as a maintenance mechanic who was promoted to maintenance foreman and to central shop superintendent. He then became staff assistant to the chemical company's personnel director and was responsible for training hourly workers, supervisors and apprentices.

Rose went on to serve the company as human resources manager for eight years with responsibilities in labor relations; employment recruitment, selection and training; government and community affairs and organizational development. He was the personnel manager at Roll Forming Corporation in Shelbyville for six years.

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A Metcalfe County native, Rose was the first executive director of the Kentuckiana Education and Workforce Institute, which is a part of the Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also director of governmental relations at the Kentucky School Boards Association in Frankfort.

Before joining the Cabinet for Workforce Development as deputy secretary in 1997, Rose spent three years as vice president of human resources and governmental relations at The Broadhurst Group/Christian Church Homes of Kentucky in Louisville. While in this position, a training and development program that he initiated reduced workers' compensation premium costs from \$461,000 to \$150,000.

Rose has also been a lobbyist and is a certified mediator. He is a Murray State University graduate.

More information about the Cabinet for Workforce Development is available at www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce.